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Very respectfully,
J. B. BELLINGER,
Depot Quartermaster in charge Ocean Transportation.
PILOT, Port Tampa, Fla.

Fumigation of mails from Santiago.

The following dispatch has been transmitted to this Bureau from the office of the General Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service, Post Office Department:

PLAYA, VIA HAITI, July 16, 1898.

SIBONEY, CUBA, July 16.—As the result of a conference held this morning between Col. Greenleaf, Chief Surgeon, U. S. A., Dr. Guitéras, yellow-fever expert, Maj. Lagarde and myself, all pouches and sacks will be thoroughly fumigated with a solution provided for that purpose.

The method is simple, but deemed effective. It will be my duty when dispatching mail to the States to certify to Maj. Lagarde that fumigation as ordered at the conference has been done. The first mail under these directions will leave for Jacksonville on the steamer *Aransas*.

LOUIS KEMPNER,
Acting Postal Agent.

To the FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Report on the arrival of the steamship Ellen Rickmers at Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, MD., July 22, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to report that I carefully inspected the immigrants from the steamship *Ellen Rickmers* upon their release from quarantine July 20, and beyond 1 case of measles, found no sickness among them. The case of measles occurred in a family of 6, and the family were ordered detained for observation, and the patient sent to the University Hospital.

The attention of the commissioner was called to the circular of May 1, 1896, and I was given reliable assurance that its provisions would be carried out. Two cases of smallpox had developed the second day out, and were isolated by the doctor before the disease was diagnosed, smallpox being suspected. One case died and was buried by the local quarantine authorities. The other case was detained in quarantine. The vessel (except hold and cargo) and the effects of passengers and crew were disinfected before release.

Respectfully, yours,
C. H. GARDNER,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox epidemic in Kentucky.

LOUISVILLE, KY., July 20, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to state that smallpox is reported, in an epidemic form, in southeastern Kentucky—Laurel, Clay, and Jackson counties.

I have the honor to inclose a clipping from the *Courier-Journal*, of

this date, giving the opinion of the State board of health and signed by the president and secretary of the same.

Very respectfully,

W. P. McINTOSH,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

[Inclosure.]

The State board of health has issued the following circular urging vaccination to prevent the spread of smallpox in southeastern Kentucky:

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH,
BOWLING GREEN, KY., *July 18, 1898.*

*To the health officials, county officials, and
people of southeastern Kentucky:*

Smallpox now exists in Laurel and Clay counties, and it is widespread in Jackson County. Every class of the population is affected and the disease is in epidemic form.

If every man, woman, and child in southeastern Kentucky is vaccinated at once, danger of a serious epidemic will be removed. Every person remaining unvaccinated is a menace, not to themselves alone, but to the health and business welfare of their entire section. Children should be vaccinated when quite young, and older persons should be revaccinated every seventh year at least. This method of prevention is as cheap as it is safe and easy, when properly done with reliable virus. The operation should be done by a competent physician, under proper aseptic precautions. Reliable virus may be obtained from the Henry Drug Company, Louisville, Ky.

In addition, it is earnestly requested that the boards of health for each county and town perfect their organization at once and confer with their county courts so that arrangements may be made to stamp out the disease as soon as the first case appears. Physicians should be on the lookout for first cases. An especial watch should be kept over teamsters, tramps, and peddlers. Prompt and intelligent organization will save heavy expense to all counties interested, as the cost of stamping out the disease must be borne by the county courts.

This board holds itself in readiness to give you any assistance in its power at any time.

By order of the board: J. M. MATHEWS, M. D., *President.*
J. N. McCORMACK, M. D., *Secretary.*

Smallpox in Ohio.

[Reprinted from the Ohio Sanitary Bulletin for July, 1898.]

Smallpox has made its appearance in Ohio at Delphos, Van Wert, and in the country near Bays, in Wood County. The first case occurred at Delphos on May 4. The suspected origin is "Uncle Tom's Cabin" show. It is known that members of this show when it appeared at Delphos, April 19, were suffering from some eruptive disease. Ira Graves, the first patient at Delphos, attended the show, and was also about the cars which carried the show, when they were being unloaded. Fifteen days from that time he came down with smallpox.

Several mild cases occurred later in Delphos, and were taken for chicken pox (the usual story). The State board of health made an investigation on June 21, and again on June 29. At that time, June 29, 12 cases of smallpox had been reported in Delphos. Since then, and up to July 14, 3 additional cases have been reported there.